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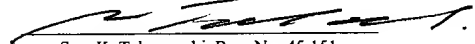
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sherman, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/501,730  
Filed : February 10, 2000  
For : **AGGREGATE-FREE URATE  
OXIDASE FOR  
PREPARATION OF NON-  
IMMUNOGENIC POLYMER  
CONJUGATES**  
Examiner : Pak, Y.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2001 in the captioned case. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims such that the text of the amended claims reads as follows:

8. (ONCE AMENDED) The uricase of Claim 7, wherein the chimeric uricase has the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

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